The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman William “Bill” H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Tim Stauffer, Iola Register, Jacob Manbeck, Johnson & Schowengert, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Michelle Meiwes, Robert & Juanell Garrett and Paul Cloutier, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported on oil and asphalt; patching roads. He said the crusher is running, they are trying to catch up, discussion on rock followed.

Commissioner Symes mentioned the river dam west of town; a citizen told him about it, needs rock.

Paul Cloutier, A Bolder Humboldt, discussed a resolution to get a question on the November ballot regarding the 30% rule for liquor sales. Commissioner Symes talked about economic development and group settings; Covid19.

Resolution No. 202011

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE INDIVIDUAL DRINK WITHOUT 30% FOOD REQUIREMENT IN ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO BE A SPECIAL QUESTION ON THE 2020 NOVEMBER BALLOT

WHEREAS, Allen County does permit sale of liquor by individual drink where at least 30% of the gross receipts are from sales of food for consumption on the premises and prohibited in all other public places, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated, Section 41-2646 the issue of liquor by the drink may be placed upon the ballot by resolution of the county commissioner.

IT IS THEREFORE, by the Allen County Commission resolved that the following question be placed on the ballot in the next general election, to wit:

“Shall sale of alcoholic liquor by the individual drink in Allen County be allowed in public places without a requirement that any portion of their gross receipts be from sales of foods?”

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS, THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202011, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Lisse Regehr, President of Thrive and Becky Voorhies, Thrive Director of Health Programs, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, discussed rock at the ambulance station in Moran; Public Works Department assisted. He said they moved into the building just yesterday, however, there are plumbing issues they are dealing with. The guttering has been put on. He mentioned generator training in Humboldt. It will be a couple of weeks until grand opening of the new Humboldt and Moran Ambulance Stations.
Terry also reported on rescue boat training. They didn’t actually use the boats, hopefully Kansas Fish & Game can do a training later on. Chairperson King commented on rescue boat different than a bass boat.

Terry reported that the ambulance crew transported a Covid patient, so the crew will wait on the Covid test results and stay at the old station, until they are sure they are not positive.

Rodney Burns, CPA discussed the Allen County 2021 budget. He told them what would need to be cut to get back under the tax lid. Discussion followed. Sherrie told commissioners how soon budget has to be published in the paper. Chairman King suggested Rodney come back to the next meeting. Sherrie scheduled such.

Lisse talked about CDGB, she told about the first business that was finished with all their paperwork. The environmental process has been completed, now it’s time for the Memorandum of Understanding, and lastly a request for payment, a draw down will be done. This is one of ten that qualified. There is $60,000 left after the first round.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Bijou, Inc to receive CDBG funds. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed the MOU.

Lisse discussed the SPARKS/CARE process.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director and Jacob Manbeck, filling in for Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie discussed Senior Center Inc.; they are asking about opening back up. She explained the reasons why they haven’t been opened yet. Commissioner Symes talked about the set up at the Senior Center Inc. He suggested to leave it as is for now. There is just not a good way to keep things disinfected.

Chairman King asked Sherrie how the election was going, discussion followed.

Juanell told the commission about a journalist in California. She gave an update on different counties as of 8/4/2020 and reviewed documents.

Chairman King reported that Rebecca Johnson, Health Director, stated to “stay the course”.

Lisse mentioned Rebecca Johnson and Susan Belt, Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Department, dealing with people concerning Covid is overwhelming, discussion followed.

Robert said four weeks ago the commissioners voted on the mask mandate. Chairman King stated they review it weekly. Discussion on the vote followed. Commissioner Symes moved to agree to continue aligning with the health department, Chairman King seconded, Commissioner Daniels opposed due to Governor’s wording.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a) Clerks Vouchers – $16,801.75
   b) Payroll – Appellate Brief for Jacqie Spradling
   c) Payroll – reimbursement for mileage 7/or goods – Shannon Patterson, Bruce Symes, Terry Call, and Cindy Scovill
   d) Payroll – New hire Ethan Tavarez and part time to full time - David Heiman
   e) Journal Entries - #31 & #32
f) Monthly Treasurer’s reports for June 2020

g) Annual report – Osage Twp.- 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Chairman King seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m. until August 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk       Bruce Symes, Commissioner